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Phase control of molecular ionization and dissociation*

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Multiphoton excitation of the hydrogen molecular ion by a laser field and its second harmonic is studied using a simplified collinear model. Completely coupled dynamics shows that significant control of ionization versus dissociation can be accomplished by varying the initial vibrational state or the relative phase between the fields.

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